NDICATES THAT PEAGE IS NEAR.

American Correspondent at Pretoria Expects War's End Within Two Months.

Boers in Council Decide to Fight On, but Are Discouraged-Kruger May Not Be Able to Save Gold Mines.

BY THOMAS F. MILLARD.

Pretoria, May 21.-(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-After two days' consultation, Presidents Kruger and Steyn and all the prominent Transvaal and Free State officials and Generals have decided to continue the war unless England will consent to grant

Steyn and Kruger are both firm and determined to fight, but many of the Transvaal officials favor peace and an unconditional surrender. It is problematical how long any considerable number of the Boers will continue to fight.

The Government has warned the inhabitants of Johannesburg of their resolution to defend Witwatersrand to the uttermost, and has disclaimed responsibility for the destruction of property which is like-

My opinion is that the Government does not intend to destroy the mines, but is making a bluff. The danger will arise from the people, The average Boer believes their destruction is warranted, and trouble is likely when the smash comes.

A majority of the Boers are sick of the war and want to quit, but their courage may revive. The people are alarmed at the presence of the British prisoners, and the Government is considering the advisability of sending them over the border.

It is improbable that Pretoria will be defended. The Free State capital has again been moved, this time to Wrede. Mrs. Reitz and her family have gone to Delagoa, and other families of officials are leaving

I believe that the war will be practically ended in two months.

ROBERTS RESUMES MARCH.

Big Battle Is Promised at Rhenoster To-Morrow-Boers Capture Sixty-Six British.

SPECIAL BY CARLE

London, Wednesday, May 23 .- (Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-The mishap which has befallen a squadron held has come as a most unwelcome reminder here that the Boer forces, disoryet alert and watchful and are able to infilet serious losses on detached parties of the British Army. Slxty-six casualties are more than were sustained in all the operations which resulted in driving the Boers out of the Birgarsberg.

It is reported from Pietermaritzburg that the Boers have quitted Natal, having entirely abundaned their positions at Lang's Nek. General Buller, however, in his teleram from Newcastle yesterday, says nothing to warrant such a report, and if should be received with caution.

Lang's Nek is a place of great natural strength, and it is almost inconceivable that the Boers should make a present of it to Buller without a struggle.

Other telegrams say that the Boers, after blowing up the tunnel, actually continued to Lang's Nek, presumably in obedience to eral wagons and prisoners. The main train orders from Pretoria, before the arrival of of the enemy's transport, however, got General Dundonald and his cavalry.

The Boers, according to Bennett Burloigh, have definitely determined to make a stand Kroopstad and the Vant River, They have intrenched themselves, and have big guns, some of them Creusots, in position. They boast that they are going to hurl back the

The British infantry moved forward Mon day, and Lord Roberts's headquariers starts to-day. By to-morrow, probably, the Transvealers will have an opportunity of proving their words.

Although some late dispatches from Pretoria predict Kruger and Steyn as fully determined to fight it out to the bitter end, the correspondents themselves appear to

think that the end of Boer resistance is not

Whether Pretoria or Johannesburg will be defended seems very doubtful, though the Transvaal Government has issued a kind of manifests telling the people of the Rand to prepare for a siege.

Curious rumors are affont as to the Boers having again approached the British Government concerning terms of peace, receiving a reply that was not acceptable. No

confirmation of this story is obtainable. ROBERTS'S INFANTRY MOVING.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Wednesday, May 23,-(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-The Daily Telegraph's special corre spondent, Bennett Burleigh, sends the fol-"Kroonstad, Tuesday-Our infantry are

The percentage of availds is diminishing. decided to attempt to delay the British guided by two deserters named Hay and army at Rhenoster River, and are intrenching there with a number of cannon, includ- handed over their dead. ing several 100-pounder Crousots. The Transvanlers boast that their forces mean

BETHUNE'S MISHAP.

London, May 22.- The War Office has re-

Lieutenants Lausum and Cappell are among a native krant without a case of the disease the missing. Captain the Earl de la Warr and hundreds died. The column is contin-

turned to N'Qutu for supplies. Will march to-morrow for Newcastle via Dundee." General Buller then proceeds; "I detached Colonel Bethune and about 500 men from Dundee May 17, with instructions to march by Vaut's Drift, and show his force at evacuated by the enemy, preparatory to the return of the Masistrates and civil e ganized as they are, supposed to be, are tablishments to the district. He was to re-

LOCOMOTIVES CAPTURED.

Cape Town, Monday, May 21.-British troops have arrived at Veerceniging, in the Transyani, north of the Vaul River, The bridge across the Vaal was found to be intuct. Twenty-seven Free State and Trans

vani locomotives were captured. AT MAJUBA HILL.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Wednesday, May 23.-(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-The Daily Telegraph publishes this disputch from its special correspondent: "Newcastle, Menday, by Runner to Dun-

dee, Monday.-General Clery, with the Third Cavalry Brigade, caught up with the enemy's rear guard at the foot of Majuba Hill. blowing up the tunnel, actually continued A sattery of the horse artillery shelled their retreat to Sand Spruit, but came back Lang's Nek, finishing up by capturing sevaway."

KRUGER WORN AND PORTORY SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Wednesday, May 23 -(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)-The Dally Telegraph this morning publishes this dispatch from its special cor-

"Pictermaritzburk, Tuesday.-The lates arrivals from Pretoria state that President Kruger looks wern and miserable. He says that if the English do come he will be found on his stoop,"

FOUGHT FOR FIVE HOURS.

Mahon's Entry Into Mafeking Stubbornly Opposed.

London, May 22-Lord Roberts reports to the War Office, in a dispatch dated Kroon-

stad, May 21, as follows: "Mahon reports that the flying column entered Mafeking at 4 a. m. May 18. He was stubbornly opposed by 1,500 men on May 17, nine miles from Mafeking, but the Boers

were driven from their strong positions after five hours' fighting, thanks, be says, to the magnificent qualities of his troops. "A detachment of Canadian artillery, by a | accept enslavement to Britain. series of forced marches, reached him the morning of the fighting and rendered very

valuable assistance. "Mahon's casualties were about thirty. The Boer losses were heavy," A dispatch to the Dally Mail, dated Mafe

king, May 12, says: moving forward. The headquarters will "Among the prisoners captured with Comstart to-morrow. Our troops are very fit. mandant Sarel Eloff are Count de Bremont a Frenchman, and Count von Weiss, a Ger-The latest report is that the enemy have | man. It is known that the Boers were Bolton. At the enemy's request we have

"To-day one of our men was asked to surrender and replied: 'Never.' The Boers to make a desperate stand to defeat our at once shot him through the head."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Ma janamabili, dated May 11, says: "Lieutenant Moorsome, with the Protecceived the following dispatch from General | torate Regiment from Mafeking, joined us. They went first to Colonel Plumer, making "Newcastie, May 22-1 have received the a wide, western circuit, and got through the following from Berbane: May 21-While Boar lines with many hair breadth escapes, marching in the direction of Newcastle, Na. reaching Vryburg after a during ride of tal, one of my squadrons of mounted in- nearly 300 miles through a country scourged Kruger, which, he says, is good. Mr. Krufantry was ambushed by Boers six miles with a destructive fever similar to the inger, is transacting all the work of the presiwest of Vryheld and very few escaped, fluenza. There was hardly a Boer house or is slightly wounded in the leg. The total ually moving, and is healthy, active and the Government has issued a circular statespeciation are about sixty-six. I have re- clean. The troops entirely escaped. Many ing that should the enemy succeed in gain-



McKINLEY: "I THINK I'VE FROZEN THEM."

heir owners arrested promptly. They in render every assistance. Mafeking known TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

he column is coming.

The second edition of the Daily Mail this

morning contains a disputch, under date of

was a strong force of Boers. The maneuver

was successful, but a large force of Boers

prevented by the artillery, and the enemy

fied, our rear guard, composed of the Kim-berley Rifles, enfliating their retreat.

omnound fracture of the thigh. The Boars

left thirty dead. The column arrived here

this morning and met Colonel Plumer's

Details of the meeting between the col-

umns commanded by Colonel Plumer and

rede into Masibistad, at sunrise, May 15, Maurice Gifford, Colonel Rhodes, Prince

Adolphus of Teck; Sir John Willoughby

and others rode in front with the informa-

tion that Colonel Mahon's column was

WILL TOUR THE COUNTRY.

Boer Envoys Yesterday Called on

the President.

Washington, May 22.-Those who have

been closely identified with the Roor dele

gates since they have been in Washingto

and who conferred with them te-day on

their plans, say that as a result of the

statement of the Secretary or State, the

delegave will not remain long in Washing

ton, but will attend a series of meetings

The three envoys to-day paid their te-

spects to the President, who confirmed the

this Government had exhausted his only possible offices in behalf of the Hoers wher

It is gathered that the Boers are ready

at the last extremity to cacrifice every-

tended; to let to the Ulitianders to equal

privileges with fative Boers in the Trans-

calked-of dynamite monopoly, and, in fact,

to make any concession, if the victorious

British will but allow them Independence,

They hope that the American people will

bring such moral pressure to bear upon the

English that this object a n be attained,

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

a bad example.

SAY AMERICA SHOULD ACT.

Brussels, May 21 .- (Copyright, 1909, by the

New York Heraid Company.)-Most of the

Belgian papers, commenting on Secretary

Hay's reply to the Boer delegates, say that

States approaching England on a basis of

tions a Government which is setting such

One paper says that far from being

strictly neutral, the McKinley administra-

tion is styly pro-English, as is shown by

the fact that while the Boers remained st-

tent as to the non-success of their mission,

Secretary Hay indiscreetly rushed into

print in order to let the whole world know

of it, in the hope that it will destroy the

last hopes of the Boers, and force them to

HOLLANDERS LEAVING.

Their Government May Remove

Them From Transvaal.

Preteria, Monday, May 21.-An open-air

meeting was held to-day by the local Hol-

landers, 300 of whom were present, to con-

sider the situation in the event that Pre-

toria should be beleaguered. A committee

was appointed to secure a place of safety

for the women and children. The Consul

General of the Netherlands, Mr. Nieuwen-

huys, was asked to advise his Government

One speaker said the position was mos

dark. The British, he declared, would be

vaal; might would be right; the capitalists

would dominate; the poor would be the

sufferers, and the Hollanders would have no

Doctor Heyman contradicts the reports

circulated regarding the health of President

In accordance with an understanding

with General Botha and President Steyn,

masters of the Free State and the Trans-

to take its subjects.

dency.

thing for which they have heretofore co

to be held throughout the country.

within two miles of the place

sel Mahon show that as the former

Missouri-Partly cloudy Wednes gunries, making a detour to the westward day; warmer in western portion; Thursday fair; variable winds. Illinois-Partly cloudy Wednesday: probably showers; Thursday fair and in ambush was encountered. A column of warm; winds mostly fresh southerly light horse dislodged the Boers, who en-deavored to enflade the convey, but were Arkansas-Fair Wednesday and Thursday; variable winds.

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Bartholdt Gave Nothing to the Boers

ing a modition in the Transposal and take possession of one or the other district, the inhabitants would be free to decide whether or not to leave their families on the farms;

WANT BRADY REMOVED.

Alaska Republicans Dissatisfied With the Present Governor.

there is nothing to prevent the United Seattle, Wash., May 22.-The Alaska Republican Convention to elect delegates to arbitration. All express a hope that the the Republican National Convention met Americans will set a noble example to the at Juneau May 15, and the following resoworld by overthrowing at the next elecfution condemning Governor Brady was

"Be it resolved by the Republicans of the District of Alaska, in convention assem-bled. That the further continuance in office of John G. Brady as Governor of Alaska is

The convention indersed President Mc Kinley's administration, demanded that the territorial form of government be extended to Alaska, declared for the removal of the Government that a direct cable from Alas-ka to the Puget Sound be laid, and de-manded that lighthouses be erected in Alaskan waters forthwith.

TO SUPPRESS "BOXERS."

Chinese Government Sends Troops to Disturbed Districts.

Pekin, May 21 .- The authorities apparenty have begun to realize that the "Boxer" movement is too serious to remain longer undealt with. Treeps are being sent to the disturbed districts with instructions to igidly suppress the outrages. Six leaders of the movement in Pekin have been ar-

CAROLINA MINE DISASTER.

Fifty Men Reported Killed at Cumnook Collieries.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22.—News has just reached here of a disaster at Cumnook mines, this State. Fifty men are reported

Details of the disaster or a confirmation of the report will probably not be obtained to-night, as all telegraph offices in that section of the country are closed.

LEADING TOPICS WORLD'S FAIR BILL REPORT IS DELAYED.

Time of the House Committee Is Taken Up With Making Amendments.

BETTER CHANCES OF PASSAGE.

Expectations Now Are for a Favorable Report To-Day and Strong Efforts for Early Consideration.

Washington, May 22.-The special World's tended meeting this morning, adjourned, to meet again to-morrow. It is confidently expected by the friends of the Fair that the bill will be reported to the House to-morrow. Representative Joy said after the

"The bill now is substantially approved by the committee, and there is every reason to look for a report when the House meetto-morrow. The committee made a number of changes in the text of the measure to day, at the suggestion of the Secretary of

the Treasury. "A long letter was received by the mittee from Mr. Gage, in which he canttions it against repeating in the St. Louis measure certain mistakes made by the Chiago World's Fair bill. From Mr. Gago's statement, it appears that the total amount which the Chicago Pair cost the Govern-

ment was \$5.240,000. "The Secretary recommended that our bill be changed so as to provide for but nine Commissioners, instead of one from each State and Territory and eight at large. The committee has acted upon this suggestion. The nine Commissioners will be appointed by the President of the United States, in-

stead of Governors of the States. "Secretary Gage reported that the Commissioners for Chicago cost the Government \$400,000. In addition, the lady man agers cost \$300,000, and the Board of Awards \$50,000, making an aggregate for these three boards of \$1,600,000. We approve the mittee has changed the bill to provide for I which they did.

but nine Commissioners. The question of indy managers has not yet been section, "At the meeting to-day Chairman Taw-ney referred to conflicts of Federal and State authorities frowing out of the man-agement of the Chicago Fair, and sug-gested that the bill should provide fully for the detailed conduct of the St. Louis Exposition. The committee is disposed to provide for a Government Board of Awards, in addition to the nine Commissioners men-tioned. The adjustment of these changes in the administrative portions of the bill

consumed the time of the meeting to-day, "We hope to finish all these minor amendtrary to the wishes of the Republican party, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States." amended in every particular where deemed no attempt to open additional lines yester advisable serore it gets into the riouse. The day, Mr. Baumhoff had a conference with time is so short there would be no oppor-tunity for long debate and amendment on the floor. In spite of the failure to get the Government that a direct cable from Alas-ka to the Puget Sound be laid, and de- row and hope that the bill then will be put

quickly through both houses."
Former Governor Francis, while disappointed at the failure of the committee to-day to make a report, admits that it is better to make all desired amendments be the measure gets on the House calen It may be necessary in view of the limited time left of this session to get action upon the bill under suspension of the rules. This would require a two-thirds vote in the affirmative to pass the bill, and no oppor-tunity then would be given for amendment

Mr. Francis said this evening that from his conversation with many members on both sides he is confident the measure will mand the support of the majority if it can be brought to a vote in time. He hopes for favorable action by the committee tofor favorable action by the committee to-morrow, and then every possible effort will be made to get the bill up for a vote, either by a special rule or under suspension of the

There are some who assert that the Republican leaders want the bill to die in committee. The efforts of the committee to weld the cill into snape for action by the Homswould seem to disprove this assertion. Mr. Joy predicts that the bill will be disposed of in committee to-morrow, or at least that the decision then will be reached to report it favorably. A little time will be needed for writing the report, but the aim will be to have the report short and to the point so there will be no time wasted in repairing this document.

MAY REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS.

Strikers Sanction Proposition to Be Presented to Company To-Day by Mr. Hawes.

Transit Company Representatives Express a Willingness for Further Negotiations-Decision as to Extra Deputies-More Cars To-Day.

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roads would be started, because he did not care to have a crowd around the shods to He could not say how long it would be before the entire system would main be in wired that he will be home Weinesday and that he will be pleased to serve the were: Cass avenue, Tower Grove, Fourth strikers as far as possible. street cable, Compton Heights, Park ave-Taylor avenue, Market street, Luciede ave-

be run to-day in addition to the lines in operation yesterday.

ens held responsible by the Coroner's jur or the death of Martin Zika, who was not and killed at Twelfth stre t and Geyer avenue Monday night.

United States Attorney General Griscs Fes-terday telegraphed to the Marshal to con-fer with Judge Elmer B. Adams and Idstriet Attorney Rigier, and defer to their judgment as to the necessity of increasing his force. District. Attorney. Rogier last right stated that he thought Marshal tell what the import of it was, Hoble's message to Washington was in-tended simply to determine the amount of Washington, received last nig event that the solditional deputies were

District Attorney Rezier is of the opinion that there is no need for an additional force of United States deputies, because he says, the Federal injunction is being

generally obeyed by everybody.

Three police officers have been indicied by the Grand Jury on the misdemeanor thatge of neglect of duty in failing to sup-press disturbances when called upon to do so in the early days of the strike. Chief Campbell has adopted this method of com-pelling officers to do their duty.

yesterday than on any preceding day of the

Ben Kilgore, a nonunion conductor, of No. HIS Armstrong avenue, was shot in the back while walking on Armstrong avenue between Hickory and Lasade Streets, His wound is not considered dangerous, The assailant is not known.

NEW PROPOSITION PREPARED. Will Be Presented to Transit Company To-Day.

the Grievance Committee of the union and Harry B. Hawes, president of the Police Board, looking toward a reopening of the negotiations between the union and the Sr. Louis Transit Company for a settlement

of the strike. Mr. Hawes called the Grievance Commit-tee to his office and told them that he wanted to submit another proposition to the representatives of the St. Louis Transit

Company to-day. W. D. Mahon, who is conducting the strike in the interest of the former employes of the St. Louis Transit Company, stated last night that Mr. Hawes will submit the proposition to-day on his own responsibility, "Mr. Hawes," he said, "is working hard to bring the company and strikers to an agreement and he will present the proposition drawn up by himself in the hope that fr will prove satisfactory to both parties." Mr. Mahon said that Mr. Hawes only called the Grievance Committee in order to suggestions of the Secretary, and the com- | get the members to sanction the proposition,

It is said that the proposition puts a new construction on the reinstatement clause of the truncit company's offer. After the conference with the Grievance

Committee Mr. Hawes called on Mr. H. S. Priest, attorney for the transit company, and they discussed a protable conference, Mr. Priest assured Mr. Hawes that there no doubt that the transit company's representatives were ready and willing to confer with the committee if it is so desired.

TO OPEN OTHER LINES.

Plans of the Transit Company-Fewer Disturbances.

of the St. Louis Transit Company may day. Mr. Baumhoff had a conference with Chief Campbell yesterday and the Chie advised him to wait until to-day before trying to run cars over those roads that have been tied up since the strike was inaugurated. Mr. Batmboff sold that comof there lines will be opened to-day. He declined to say which roads would be sturied, because he does not want a crowd to be on hand to annoy the crews and possi-

bly make some demonstration, Cars were run on the following roads yesterday: California avenue, Grove, Compton Heights, Park avenue, Fourth street cable, Chouteau avenue, Jefferson avenue, Grand avenue, Vandeventer avenue, Taylor avenue, Murket street, Laclede avenue, Olive street, Delmar avenue, Page avenue, Spalding avenue, Cass avenue

"The full complement of cars are not ye running on all the lines, but the number will be increased daily, said and the hoff, "until the system is operated as it one was from citizens of South St. Louis, was before the strike. Just how long it to the effect that they extended to the will be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill run I canswill be before all the cars will run I canswill run I ca will be increased daily," said Mr. Baum-

ty unions have voted to go out on a gen-eral sympathy striks when called upon to do so by the Executive Committees of the nne, Spalding avenue, Bellefontaine, Clay-ton and Porest Park.

Cars on the Northern Central, Broadway cable and Mound City lines probably will

the Executive Committees of the Central Trades and Labor Union, Build-ing Trades Council and Railway Employes' Union. Mr. Edwards said that he was not at liberty to make known the names of

LEFT TO FEDERAL COURT.

Attorney General's Decision on Marshal Bohle's Message.

The United States Marshal stated yesterday that he had received no answer whatever from Washington to his wire for instructions with repard to his swearing in a force of deputies to preserve law and refer in St. Louis. He appeared unwilling a discuss his correspondence with Attor-tey General Griggs at Washington, or to

A special dispairs to the response from Washington, received last night, stated that the Marshal's message had been received and that he had been wired in reply to confer with Judge Adams and District Attorney E. A. Rozder and to do nothing on his own account, but act solely upon their instructions. The message adds that they were to determine whether additional deputies were necessary or not.

Attorney General Griggs, upon receipt of the Marshal's message asking authority to appoint so deputy marshals, telegraphed to purpose for which they would be used. The Marshal's reply to this message evidently did not convince the Attorney General that authority for these deputies should be granted. The latter telegraphed erni Judge Adams and District Attorney Rozler and to defer any action he would take in the matter to their judgment.

To The Republic representative in Wash-ington Attorney General Griggs said: "We do not appoint a hundred deputies upon the off-hand request of a marshal in any case. We have referred the matter to Judge Asiams and the District Attorney and will be governed by their advice. No reply from them has yet been received.

Trons them has yet been received.

Up to the time the department closed yesterday evening the answer of the Marshal, after his conference with Judge Adams and Mr. Rozler, had not come to the department and authority had not been granted for him for the appointment of deputies. The Attorney General is clearly not disposed to appoint the deputies unless is reported by competent authority to

District Attorney E. A. Rozier was by a Republic representative at his home by a Republic representative at his home last night. He said that at the present time he saw no reason whatever for the appointing of deputy marshals. He said that since the Federal injunction had been issued strikers and others had dis-played disposition to let the wires, cars and ther property of car companies alone.
"My office," he added, "would like very much, were it possible, to simply run the

mult cars and allow the transit company to adjust its troubles with its employed alone. The conditions are such, however, that the opening of routes for the man cars assists materially the company in run-ning its passenger cars. It was only after frequent complaints on the part of the local estal authorities that the step was taken Of course, it is impossible to guess what the future happenings in the strike will be and it may become necessary for the carry ing on of the mail service that deputies

"At the present time I see no such ne saity. Only a few slight complaints have en made since the issuance of the innction. I presume that the Marshal's message to Washington was simply to have determined what compensation should be received by deputies were they appointed. Yes, the authority to call out deputies is practically in the hands of Judge Adams and myself. I have wired and written to Washington giving the department as full an account as possible of the conditions existing here."

STRIKERS' MASS MEETING.

Addresses Were Made and Resolutions Adopted.

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalremated Association of Street Railway Employes of America; Lee Meriwether, Robert E McLean, president of the Blinois Federation of Labor, and Max Sindic addressed an audience at Concordia Turner Hall. Triteenth and Arsenal streets, last night. Mr. Meriwether's speech was an argument

for municipal ownership. Mr. McLean spoke of organized labor as applied to business in Illinois, Mr. Mahom reviewed the strike situation and the causes which, the men claim, led to it. Speaking of injunctions, he said that neither he nor the strikers would pay the least attention to them, no matter how high they may be piled up against them. He Beliefontaine, Clayton and Forest Park, said that the men had a right to strike and the other branches of the Delmar line, and that all the injunctions that may be

issued against them will not prevent them from insisting on their just rights. After the speech-making three research were presented, read and adopted. The first one was from citizens of South St Louis, offset that they extended to the that a committee of five call on Mayor Ziegenhein and demand that he take charge of and operate the reads of the transit pany system until .

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reached between